REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *Vol. 2* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD presents a series of organised cock fights, filmed in Thailand on hand-held video cameras. The dominant effect is a prolonged spectacle of two animals forced to fight in an unnatural and frightening environment until they are battered and exhausted. This activity is illegal in New Zealand and is specifically prohibited under s31(1)(a) of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The publication normalises and endorses cockfighting and is likely to desensitise viewers to this degree of animal cruelty. Consequently the DVD promotes and encourages criminal activity likely to be injurious to the public good and is therefore classified objectionable.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the availability of publications that promote and encourage a cruel and illicit criminal activity to an extent and degree that is likely to be injurious to the public good.